HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE RIVER MURRAY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE MURRAY RIVER

(REGION 5 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PART TWO

10. C.T. RENMARK

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS

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C.T. RENMARK

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JH: John Hollingdrake
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is the only known surviving pisé cottage in the Renmark district and appears to be one of very few to have survived along the length of the River Murray. Yet pug and pine, pisé, wood and iron cottages were as common as the more substantial stone houses which have outlasted them (due in part to the effects of floods such as the massive 1956 flood).

The house was built by Norman Rossell's workmen (he was the landowner) c.1900. It was rented and subsequently bought by Arthur Hollingdrake, who had one side wall cement rendered before his money ran out during the depression. The front wall is lime-washed and the front verandah is enclosed with flywire. There is a Besser block addition at the rear. Mr. J. Hollingdrake was born there in 1915.

REFERENCES

Verbal Mr. J. Hollingdrake (owner), 1983.
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 763 Negative No. 11
Direction of view to NW

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Renmark's original settlers were predominantly English-born, although drawn from all parts of the Empire. "... University men, teaplanters from India, cosmopolitans from Canada, the States, Burmah, Africa ...", drawn by the glowing tales of the Chaffey's Red Book.

Colonel C.M.R. Morant, following service in India, was one of these. He arrived without his family in 1890 and purchased this house then called "Walteela", renamed "Bangalore" (where the Colonel had been stationed). The original section of the house is of native pine log construction identical to Charles Chaffey's "Olivewood", and built by the same carpenter, Matulick, immediately afterwards, c.1887. It was built for a Frenchman who "did a moonlight flit".

The pine log section with a high roof has three rooms, side by side. The central room with French windows and the original wooden surround fireplace was the dining room. The additional weatherboard sections at each end of the log section were built at the same time or soon afterwards as one was the Colonel's dressing room. The verandah was also built about the same time along two sides and was shortly afterwards completely enclosed with flywire.

REFERENCES
Cyclopedia of South Australia, vol. 2, p.939 (as corrected by Miss Morant & Mrs. Loveday)
National Trust 2670; Register 30/1/06 (SAA 978) (quote)

Verbal Miss E. Morant (owner), Mrs. E. Loveday, 1983
Archival photographs Cyclopedia (1909); at "Olivewood" Museum

PHOTOGRAPH
Direction of view to SW
Film No. 763 Negative No. 7

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**South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80**

**HERITAGE SURVEY**

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**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

giving the whole building a distinctly colonial Anglo-Indian air.

Additional rooms of weatherboard adjacent to the house and attached by a walkway were the kitchen and housekeeper's room.

The property is still an important fruit-growing block of 30 acres, run by a grand-daughter of the Colonel. It retains most of its original gardens, the drying green, open irrigation channels lined with the old olive trees, and the household well and windmill with its later 1910 Fuller & Johnson pump.

Photographs owned by Miss Morant show panoramic views of the 100 acre block and the house buried in greenery as it is now, with its vine-covered archway and croquet lawns.

The Colonel was first Chairman of the Renmark Irrigation Trust, 1894-1897. He was joined by two sons, one of whom (Arthur) took over the property when the Colonel died in 1911.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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Charles Henry Hollingdrake was one of the pioneer settlers of Renmark (blockers). He arrived soon after the Irrigation Settlement was established, in 1889. He bought the timber pre-fabricated sections of his house in Port Adelaide and had them transported by river to Renmark. Hollingdrake and his family lived in a tent while the house was assembled on site that same year.

Its appearance now is that of a typical timber settler's house still set on its fruit block beside the Sturt Highway. Few other similar houses from that era appear to have survived.

REFERENCES

Verbal Mr. John Hollingdrake (grandson of original owner 1983)

Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 762 Negative No. 14 Direction of view to SE

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HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Angove's Winery
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Angove's distillery and processing house at Renmark was established in 1910 by Thomas Carlyon Angove and two brothers, who were sons of the founder of Angove's, Dr. W.T. Angove. "A cellar was built, stills erected and crushing commenced in 1911. The first venture in winemaking and distilling in the irrigation areas along the Murray River in South Australia had begun."

As the settlement expanded so did Angove's. "What was regarded in 1910 as a venture fraught with risk was now recognised as the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Viticulture, Winemaking and Distilling in Australia." After World War II the establishment at Renmark became the centre of the Company's operations.

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REFERENCES
"The Australian Dozen of Wine, 1971", p.5 (quotes)
Coleman, Golden heritage ..., pp 39, 41

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
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This was the first prestressed concrete bridge constructed in South Australia. It was designed by the Highways Department in 1958 and built for the Department in 1960 by A.W. Baulderstone Pty. Ltd. Its dimensions are 106 metres by 7.3 metres with 6 spans of 15 metres.

The bridge crosses Salt Creek on the Sturt Highway near the Renmano Distillery. It is the third on the site, the first timber bridge having been replaced in 1933 by a steel and timber bridge.

### REFERENCES

S.A. Highways Dept. 1116
Institution of Engineers

Verbal
Archival photographs

### PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 762  Negative No. 13
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Institution of Engineers

### RECOMMENDATION

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Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The two distilleries established at Renmark by Angove's and Chateau Tanunda in 1910 and 1914 were the first along the Murray in South Australia, pioneering wine-making from grapes grown from River Murray irrigation. Both were identified with the striving of the young settlement and Renmark's subsequent prosperity.

The history of the Chateau Tanunda distillery is also of note because it reflected the co-operative efforts of Renmark's growers. The distillery was built as a winery in 1914/15 and operated until 1916 when it became the Renmark Growers' Distillery. It was then that 130 Renmark grape growers registered the first co-operative winery in Australia, and bought the distillery. At first it was used for grapes not suitable for dried fruit, but by 1922 beverage wines were being made and by 1925 exported.

The original freestone front of the Chateau Tanunda distillery is preserved, and the manager's residence, built in about 1918 (shown in photo).

REFERENCES

National Trust, 1902
Dudley Coleman, Golden heritage, a story of Renmark pp 40, 41

Verbal
Archival photographs Renmano wine sales centre, 1918, 1935

PHOTOGRAF
Direction of view to SE
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"Olivewood" is a homestead distinctive both because of its form of construction, which is of native pine logs and also because of its associations with the founders of the Renmark Irrigation Settlement. George and William Chaffey founded Australia's first irrigation settlements on the Murray at Renmark and at Mildura, with a younger brother, Charles, administering the Renmark estates.

"Olivewood" was built the year Renmark was started, in 1887, by Matulick, a ship's carpenter who had come out with the Chaffeys. This was Charles and Mrs. Chaffey's home until 1900, and an estate on which were planted olives (in 1889), oranges and palms, many of those trees surviving on the large block.

**REFERENCES**

National Trust 1896

Coleman, Golden heritage ..., pp 15-16

Heritage Conservation Branch file no. 7029-10281

Information at "Olivewood" Museum

Verbal

Archival photographs at "Olivewood" Museum

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 761 Negative No. 2

Direction of view to NW
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The rear single storey section was the Institute, which was built in 1908. This was a plain stone building with a simple brick arch over the front doors, and windows along the side walls. The foundation stone was laid by Mr. H. Showell in 1908. At the time there were still relatively few stone buildings in the town of Renmark and as the settlement as a whole was just beginning to prosper the building of a substantial stone Institute was an appropriate reflection of community aspirations.

The foundation stone for the front two storey section was laid by General Sir W.R. Birdwood A.D.C. General to the King on 16th March, 1920. It is a stone and stucco Soldiers' Memorial commemorating the 600 men and women who had served in World War I. No doubt it was also supported by the 200 new soldier settlers who took up blocks in the district after 1918.

REFERENCES

Foundation stone; photos (see below)
Coleman, Golden heritage, p. 53

Verbal
Archival photographs "Olivewood" Museum, 1908

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 762 Negative No. 3
Direction of view to E
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

"This pumping plant was one of the first electrically driven units installed by the Renmark Irrigation Trust in 1933 to replace the Chaffey Bros. original steam pumps. It became redundant after the commissioning of the Trust's main pumping station in December, 1972."

"Unveiled as an historical monument on 31st August 1973 by Mr. J.M. Pethick a member of the Trust 1933-1948."

There are two separate large pieces set in concrete on a reserve by the river. This is no. 1 pump (the present pumping station is situated alongside and the start of the 34 foot pumping channel - now filled in and an embankment runs inland from here.)

REFERENCES

National Trust 1948

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 762  Negative No. 7
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**ITEM NAME:** St. Augustine's Anglican Church

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The activities of the Church of England in the Upper Murray started with the mission steamer "Etona" in 1889.

St. Augustine's Church was erected in 1906, its architects the firm of English and Soward, builder C. Bannear. It was extended in 1957. This was the first stone church built in Renmark, possibly a reflection of its predominantly English settlers. In 1909 Renmark's unfinished appearance and its dusty wood and iron buildings was remarked upon, and the few stone buildings— including the Anglican Church — were singled out, with the comment that the "Methodists, Roman Catholics, Congregationalists, and Salvation Army worship in unpretentious offices."

The architect for the 1957 extension was B.R. Claridge.

**REFERENCES**

National Trust, 1905
Community Development in the South Australian Upper Murray ..., p. 75
Cyclopedia of South Australia, vol. 2, p. 931 (quote)

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**  
Film No. 762  Negative No. 6  
Direction of view to SE

**LOCATION**
Address James Avenue
Town Renmark
Postcode
Section
Hundred
County
L.G.A. Renmark
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-IV
54 47690 621890

**SUBJECT**
2.5

**PERIOD**
State
Study Area 1906-1940

**TYPE OF ITEM**
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BUILDING X □
STRUCTURE □
PHYSICAL CONDITION □

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ITEM NAME: Renmark Irrigation Trust
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The freestone office building was constructed for and designed by the Chaffey brothers shortly after they founded the Renmark Irrigation Settlement, c.1888. It is thus one of the earliest buildings erected in the town of Renmark. The architecture is an excellent example of the style developed to deal with the hot summers, reminiscent of tropical colonial architecture.

When the Chaffeys' company failed, due principally to the bank crash and depression of 1893, their rights were transferred to the Renmark Irrigation Trust, which was created by Act of Parliament in the same year. The Trust has since administered the whole irrigation settlement area (the town has a separate corporation) from this office. An irrigation pump, made by Tangyes of Birmingham to George Chaffey's specifications and installed 1890-92, now stands in the office gardens.

REFERENCES
National Trust 1895; 1897 (pump)
Coleman, Golden heritage . . . . , pp 15, 19, 21
Heritage Conservation Branch file no. 7029-10289;
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Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 761 Negative No. 8
Direction of view to SW

LOCATION
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Town Renmark
Postcode
Section
Hundred
County
L.G.A. Renmark
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-IV
54 47680 621840

SUBJECT
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PERIOD
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Study Area
1881-1905

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 28
Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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Historical site
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING
STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

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Other

RECOMMENDATION
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ITEM NAME: Renmark Hotel
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

"Inspiration, wisdom and the loan of a few hundred pounds gave a start to the magnificent Community Hotel which Renmark possesses today. The inspiration was a newspaper editor's, the wisdom a clergyman's and the money a woman station owner's - a remarkable combination, perhaps, but then it was a remarkable undertaking and it has had a remarkable result.

"The Hotel Renmark was the first of its kind in the British Empire, and in some respects, it was new to the world. Its methods have been copied since, but it has not been possible to give counterparts its character. The reason for its coming into being, as much as anything, preserves its uniqueness."

The Chaffeys prohibited the sale of alcohol in Renmark with the result that sly grog shops prospered and C.J. Ashwell suggested the "Gothenburg" hotel system (although it is not quite the same) with the town owning the hotel, providing good meals, accommodation and liquor, and benefiting from the profits made. A committee of settlers bought Mrs. Meisner's Temperance Hotel, a single storeyed building constructed in about 1895. The Renmark Community Hotel opened in 1897, its profits (after maintaining the hotel) to

REFERENCES

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Cyclopedia of South Australia, vol. 2, p. 941

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PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 761 Negative No. 9
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LOCATION
Address Murray Avenue
Town Renmark
Postcode Renmark
Hundred
Section
County L.G.A. Renmark
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-IV
54 47690 621830

SUBJECT
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PERIOD
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Study Area
1881-1905;
1906-1940

TYPE OF ITEM
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be used "for the benefit of the whole irrigation settlement of Renmark in the promotion of literature, science, art or for benevolent or charitable purposes ..." which has enormously benefited both the hotel and the town.

A second storey was added in c.1903 and a third storey and thorough "modernisation" carried out with assistance from State centenary funds in 1937. Its present external appearance is of a typical grand 1930s hotel, with some 1950s alterations in the interior.

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